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RADIO LIBERTY

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1. SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE TIMELY MEETING BETWEEN DCM AND MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, POLCOUNS CALLED ON REININK (MFA, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN AFFS) JUNE 7 TO PRESENT POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL RE POSSIBLE DUTCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RFE AND RL. TALKING POINTS AND COPIES EISENHOWER COMMISSION REPORT LEFT WITH REININK.

2. REININK SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, WHO WOULD HAVE TO SUBMIT IT FOR CABINET' S CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF US PROPOSAL' S FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. REININK SAID HE COULD NOT FORECAST NEW CABINET' S REACTION, THOUGH IN THE PAST DUTCH HAD FELT THAT RFE AND RL SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE AS LONG AS EE PEOPLES WERE DENIED INFORMATION BY THEIR GOVTS AND THERE WAS NOT PROSPECT OF THAT SITUATION CHANGING. HE CITED PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NEED FOR EUROPEAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE RADIOS IN APRIL 1972 AT TIME WHEN USG' S SPONSORSHIP OF RADIOS WAS BEING DEBATED IN US. ON THAT OCCASION FONMIN SCHMELZER HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER RE POSSIBLE DUTCH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, NOTING THAT US HAD MADE NO REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. REININK IMAGINED GON WOULD NOT WISH TO ACT UNILATERALLY IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD WANT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER EUROPEAN GOVTS ABOUT THE US PROPOSAL. HE SAID IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF HE COULD BE APPRISED OF REACTIONS OF OTHER EUROPEAN GOVTS TO

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US APPROACHES.

4. REININK WONDERED IF THE US HAD IN MIND ANY TARGET FIGURE FOR INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTIONS. ALSO, HE WONDERED HOW THE US FELT THE EAST WOULD REACT IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE RADIOS WERE BECOMING A US- EUROPEAN " JOINT VENTURE". HE SAID THE FACT THAT THE US IS MAKING THIS APPROACH INDICATES THAT IT DOES NOT FORESEE ANY EARLY PRACTICAL RESULTS STEMMING FROM BASKET III IN CSCE.

5. REININK OBSERVED THAT THERE ARE THOSE IN NETHS WHO COULD
BE EXPECTED TO REACT BY POINTING TO GROWING DETENTE IN EUROPE
AND ASKING IS THIS THE TIME TO HELP FINANCE A US OPERATION WHICH
IS A HOLD- OVER FROM THE COLD WAR. THEREFORE, THE GON, IF IT
DECIDED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WOULD HAVE TO FIGURE OUT
A WAY OF DOING SO WITHOUT AROUSING NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM CERTAIN
QUARTERS.
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